Reviewer’s report

Title: Fertility Desires, Family Planning Use and Pregnancy Experience: Longitudinal Examination of Urban Areas in Three African Countries

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Reviewer: Stuart Basten

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I think that this is an excellent article. Well written and an important contribution to the literature. Using an excellent new resource. Understudied and important topic in terms of calibrating fertility preferences to outcomes. Appropriate use of statistical analysis interpreted well.

minor Compulsory Revisions

1. There is a more of a literature on interpretations of fertility intentions which can be referred to e.g. on strength of negative intentions vs positive; role of men and women; Coombs method etc

2. More background needed on FP schemes in the settings under analysis here

3. Exploration of where the fertility preferences might have arisen from. e.g. poss discussion of IEC campaigns in FP programs?

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests’